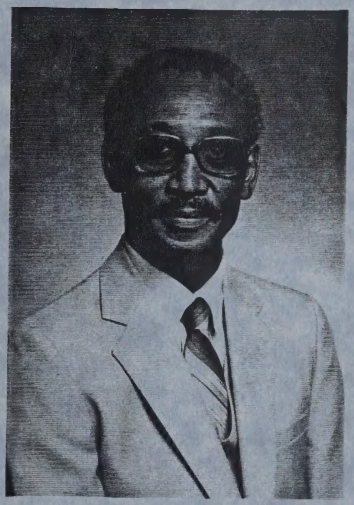
A TRIBUTE TO

MR. EARL EVERETT MINOTT

The *"Maestro"*



Next to the word of God, *MUSIC* deserves the highest praise.
The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man
that he should proclaim the Word of God through *MUSIC*. (Martin Luther)

Presented by

THE E.E. MINOTT INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

Saturday, June 5, 1999
7:00 P.M.
Crooms Academy
Roy A. Allen Gymnasium
2200 West 13th Street
Sanford, Seminole County, Florida

We Celebrate the Life
of

Ms Venus Landin

May 17,1961 - March 2, 1993

Obituary

Venus Landin departed this life Tuesday evening , March 2, 1993 in Decatur, Georgia. Born May 17, 1961, she was 31 years at the time of her death. Venus devoted much of her life volunteering her time to many communities. Having served in the armed forces where she received an honorable discharge, she moved to Atlanta. Here she began another phase of life-long volunteer service.

Upon moving to Atlanta Venus became well known to the metro Atlanta Lesbian Gay communities. She served in several capacities on numerous social and political boards and committees. They included the Public Safety Committee, Lesbian Gay Task Force for the City of Atlanta, Zami, the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Lambda Community Center. Most recently Community Liaison committee for 1993 Atlanta Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, and the Female Co-chair; African American Lesbian Gay Alliance (AALGA). As Co-chair she represented the organization at the Coalition of African Descent. She was a team member of the Hospitality Atlanta's softball and bowling teams and also participated as the assistant coach of their basketball team.

Venus leaves in her passing, her son Bobby 12, her former husband, parents, a brother, sister, an aunt and several relatives of Saginaw, Michigan. Her chosen "family " and multitudes of friend mourn this tremendous loss here and abroad.

Program

Instrumental music

Pianist
Daryl Mitchell

Organist
Joan Seawood

Opening selection
"I Will Stand", Jerry Ray

Tré Johnson

Introduction of Ms Joan Garner
Mistress of Ceremonies

Duncan E. Teague,
Male co-chair, AALGA

Congregational song

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
J.W. Johnson

Reading & Acknowledgments:

Ms Garner

Musical selection
"Shine A Life" , Jacqueline Howard & Joyce Williams

Joyce and Jacque

Reading

Tré Johnson
'God Loves You No Matter What', Tré Johnson

Statements from:

The Family
read by Jena Jones, AALGA Board Member

Hospitality Atlanta
by Charlene Cothran, Co-director, Hospitality Atlanta

African American Lesbian Gay Alliance
by Samuel Bostick, AALGA Board Member

Zami
by Laura Howard, AALGA Board Member; Leader, Organizing Committee: Zami

Loved ones, friends and co-workers workers
by Sheila Savage

Open mike

Eulogy

Reverend Leevahn Smith,
Ministerial Staff,
First Metropolitan Community Church

Closing ceremony

Ms Garner

Postlude

'Lift Every Voice and Sing', James Weldon Johnson

1. Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Chorus

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

We at AALGA and Hospitality Atlanta would like to thank everyone who has assisted in this tribute to our sister.

Special thanks to:

First Metropolitan Community Church, Family and Staff
Balloons by J.Wesley
Our own family and friends for ushering
The Fierce talents of
Daryl Mitchell and Joan Seawood
The Gang at **LazerAge**

Baskets are available at the entrance for those wishing to make donations to Ms Landin's family.
AALGA and Hospitality Atlanta have established a trust for Bobby Landin, Venus' son in Michigan.

Special Thanks and Appreciation to You Mr. E. E. Minott

With lasting gratitude for your unselfish efforts,
the things you taught us in a spirit of love,
and the inspiration we imbibed,
we dedicate our concert on June 5, 1999 to you.

Your influence will always live in our lives.
The music you taught us still rings in our souls.

Sincerely,
The E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir
3/13/99

STATE OF FLORIDA

Office of the Governor

THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR

June 5, 1999

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend greetings to all attending the tribute concert by the E. E. Minott Inspirational Choir honoring Mr. Earl Everett Minott for his life's dedication to the pursuit of excellence in music and education.

Mr. Minott's special contributions to his church and community are commendable. He devoted 40 years of service in the field of education, teaching in junior high and high school where his choirs consistently earned superior ratings at annual district and state vocal festivals. He received numerous awards for his diligent support of education, church, and community projects. Since his retirement, he has continued his support of church and community endeavors, especially at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Best wishes for a special time of tribute to an outstanding musician and educator.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush

JB/hss

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Earl Everett Minott
1800 West 4th Street
Sanford, Florida 32771-1701

Dear Mr. Minott:

On behalf of the constituents of Congressional District Three and the Central Florida community, I am honored to take part in the E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir Concert for your dedication and perseverance to the pursuit of excellence in music and education. Your concern, leadership and participation in our community have made an impact on the lives of so many that go well beyond the boundaries of the Central Florida area.

You are to be commended for the service you have given and continue to provide to those who pursue high achievement in music and education. If my staff or I may ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Corrine Brown

Corrine Brown
Member of Congress

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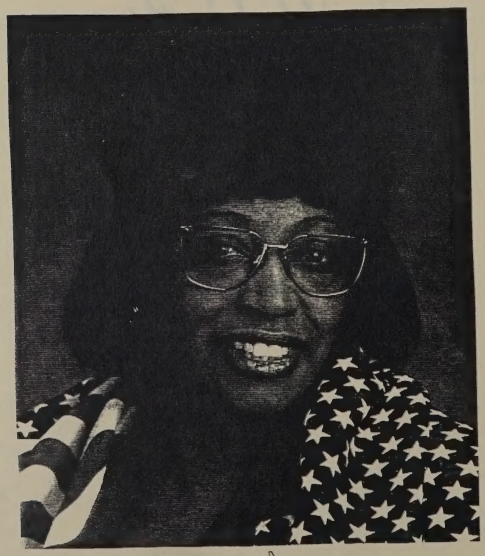

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June 5, 1999

In Honor of Earl Everett Minott

Greetings!

It is a pleasure to join you in this recognition of Mr. Earl Everett Minott. In reflecting back upon the life and accomplishments of this outstanding educator, musician and community leader, I can think of no tribute more appropriate than a concert performance comprised of friends and former students.

Over the years, Mr. Minott has served with exemplary dedication, bringing encouragement and inspiration to the Sanford community. He has given of himself, his time and exceptional talents in continuous pursuit of academic and musical excellence. He has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and of those he has mentored.

On behalf of the citizens of Sanford, I want to thank and commend you, Mr. Minott, for your tremendous contributions to this city. Truly, you have made a difference!

Very truly yours,

Larry A. Dale
Mayor

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May 28, 1999

Earl Minott
115 Drew Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771

Dear Mr. Minott:

Congratulations and best wishes to you for the honor that is being bestowed upon you tonight. We are pleased to learn that you are being recognized for more than forty years of leadership service and dedication to the fields of education and music in Seminole County. Please know that we appreciate the contributions you have made to students in Seminole County as a teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal.

It is with our sincere hope that this honor will bring you joy and fulfillment. Best wishes and happiness as you prepare for new and exciting experiences that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Hagerty
Superintendent

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Rev. Al Covington, Pastor

"O Sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."
Psalms 98: 1 & 4

June 2, 1999

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus:

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to show esteem to a man that is truly loved by so many including, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

The word of God says in Psalms 33: 3-4, "Sing unto him a new song; *play skillfully* with a loud noise. For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth." We at St. Paul have first hand knowledge of the skillful playing of Bro. Earl Minott. Bro. Minott has truly been a laborer in the vineyard.

Bro. Minott you have been a wonderful asset to St. Paul since the age of 12 years old. St. Paul is blessed to have you as a musician for the Gospel Chorus and the Male Chorus.

Bro. Minott, we pray God's blessings upon you. We pray you have continued good health and continued success in all you do. May God richly bless you.

In His Service,

Albert L. Covington

Rev. Albert L. Covington and
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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Excellence With Caring

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 5, 1999

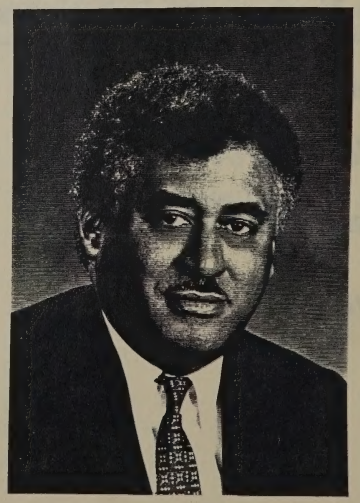
Greetings!

On behalf of the administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, congratulations to Mr. Earl Everett Minott for his dedication to the pursuit of excellence in music and education.

His myriad of achievements have been realized through his former students and friends who have united to form the E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir in tribute to his illustrious career.

From the beginning of his teaching career in 1953, Mr. Minott worked tirelessly until his retirement in 1993. During his 40 years of service in the field of education, he influenced the quality of education for African-Americans. He has a deep and abiding interest in human affairs, exceptional leadership qualities and a keen concern for the growth and development of young people.

Thank you, Mr. Minott, for your creativity, vision, talent and demonstration of the epitome of "Excellence with Caring!"



Sincerely,

Frederick S. Humphries
President

FSH:EJ:GBP

Bethune-Cookman College
MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, FOUNDER
OSWALD P. BRONSON, SR., PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 27, 1999

Dear Friends:

It is, indeed, an honor recognize the outstanding contributions that Mr. Earl Everett Minott has made and continues to make wherever he touches human beings. My relationship with Mr. Minott goes back to Crooms Academy during the 1940s during which time he exhibited those lofty and commendable qualities that earned the numerous honors and recognitions that have been bestowed upon him over the years.

It is, therefore, an esteemed pleasure to join with the enormous host of individuals in paying tribute to a gentleman who exhibits competence and compassion, outstanding talent, personal warmth, extensive knowledge, commendable human relations skills, towering physical strength, and immeasurable spirituality.

I wish for Mr. Minott a long life filled with joy and the rewards that he so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

Oswald P. Bronson, Sr.
President

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WELCOME TO CROOMS ACADEMY

We extend our congratulations and best wishes
to
Mr. Earl Everett Minott
on this very special occasion.

Dr. Brenedette Hardy-Blake, Principal
Crooms Academy

Home of Panther Pride

June 5, 1999

Greetings and congratulations to the E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir for staging and producing this inspirational program to foster and maintain the legacy of Earl Minott's musical contributions to the school and community.

Best wishes for all of your future endeavors.
Sincerely,
Edward L. Blacksheare
(Former Principal, Crooms Academy)

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GRETCHEN M. SCHAPKER
Principal

Dear Earl,

Time cannot erase all those wonderful memories I have of working with you at Seminole High School.

You were one of the first people who stepped up to greet and meet me. You were a "guiding light" for me by helping me understand the Sanford community and what our students needed to be successful.

I will never forget your keen sense of humor, your professionalism and most of all, your love and concern for children. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to know you. I am so sorry I cannot attend the concert; however, please know that you are in my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Gretchen

Gretchen Schapker

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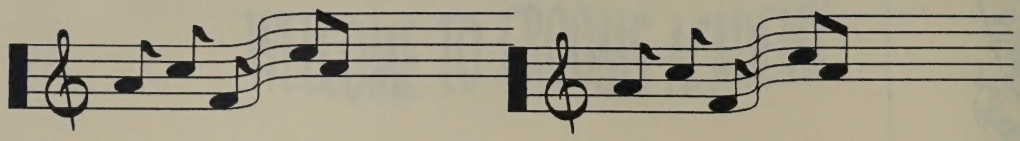


The E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

June 5, 1999

Greetings to One and All:

We greet you in the spirit of love and fellowship. It is indeed a great honor to present this concert. This is a very special event in honor of a very special person, Mr. E.E. Minott.- for his dedication to excellence in music and education.

We take this opportunity to thank each of you for the unselfish love and support that you have given. We thank God for all of the singers, the coordinators, behind the scenes workers, sponsors, and every one who contributed in any way to this program. Please know that we are grateful for your efforts. May God bless you and keep you always.

Yours in Christ,
The Steering Committee for the E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir
Sheralyn Jackson Polk
Marva Y. Hawkins
Geraldine Davidson Wright
Lorenzo Polk
Linda Whitehead Medlock
Vernon "Papa" Jones
Mary Liggons DeBose
John Howard Liggons

A Musician's Rule
Life is like a musical instrument.
What you get out of it depends on how you play it.

THE E.E. MINOTT INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

REPERTOIRE

"Psalm 121"
Arranged by Minister Vernon L. Jones

"Poor Man Lazarus"
Arranged by Minister Vernon L. Jones

"Magnify the Lord"
(Virgie Carrington DeWitty)
Martha DeBose McKinney, Soloist
Trio
Cynthia Cassanova Brown
John Howard Liggons
Mary Liggons DeBose

Medley
Arranged by Minister Vernon L. Jones

"Deep River"
(Arranged by J. Jefferson Cleveland)
Patricia Rae Merritt Whatley, Soloist

"Ain-A That Good News"
(William L. Dawson)

"Elijah Rock"
(Traditional Spiritual, Arranged by Jester Hairston)

"Ain't Got Time to Die""
(Words and Music by Hall Johnson)
Marshall Holloway, Soloist

Order of Program

Mrs. Victoria Nathan Murphy, Presiding

Prelude ..... Mr. John Howard Liggons

The Ringing of the Bells ..... Master Lorenzo Polk, III

Presentation of the Honoree ..... Mrs. Victoria Nathan Murphy
Honoree: Mr. Earl Everett Minott
Honorary Escort: Antler Guard, Fox Company
Lula Cummings, Commander
Celery City Lodge #542, I.B.P.O.E. of W

Procession of the Choir .....

Selection ..... "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"

Prayer ..... Rev. Albert L. Covington
Pastor, St. Paul M.B. Church, Sanford, FL

Scripture Reading ..... Rev Robert Doctor
Pastor, St. John M.B. Church; Sanford, FL

Welcome ..... Mrs. Mary Liggons DeBose

Greetings ..... Hon. Velma H. Williams
City Commissioner, District 3

Poetic Reading ..... Mr. Julius Francis

Interpretive Presentations ..... Mr. Robert Hayes
"Jesus, Your're the Center of My Joy" and "I Remember"

Musical Selections ..... E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

Poetry for Positive Images .....
State & National Oratorical Contest Winners
Sylvester J. Wynn, Jr. — Terry Von McKinney, Jr.
Latressa P. Haws — Yarhonda Edena Burden

Musical Selections ..... E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

Tribute ..... Mr. Roosevelt LaMar

Presentations ..... Mr. John Howard Liggons

Remarks from Honoree ..... Mr. Earl Everett Minott

Acknowledgments ..... Mrs. Sheralyn Jackson Polk &
The Committee

Finale ..... E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

Benediction ..... Rev. Covington

Reception in the Cafeteria

Earl Everett Minott

Earl Everett Minott was born June 4th in Miami, the son of Aramentha and Curby. His aunt Joannah Moore, a teacher and principal of Goldsboro Elementary School (The Red School) in Sanford, raised him. During his formative years, he was taught the importance of an education. He was also taught to love and care for others.

His music career began early; he started taking piano lessons at the age of 5 years; and at the age of 9 years, he was pianist for the Baptist Training Union at First Shiloh and New Mt. Calvary Baptist Churches and at Allen Chapel AME Church. At about the age of 12 years, he was pianist at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, serving Choir #1 and Choir #2. When the Gospel Chorus was formed, he was the pianist for that choir also.

Mr. Minott graduated from Crooms Academy in 1948; he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in music from Florida A&M College, Tallahassee, Florida; his Master's Degree in Guidance from Florida A&M University; and his Certification in Administration and Supervision from the University of Central Florida.

His teaching career began in 1953, and he worked tirelessly until his retirement in 1993 - after 40 years of service in the field of education. He taught at J.R.E. High School, Starke, Florida; Crooms Academy, Sanford; and Seminole High School, Sanford. He taught English, mathematics, American history, Black history, science, and music. As a choral director, his choirs consistently earned superior ratings at annual district and state vocal festivals. He served as an adjudicator for many of the district vocal festivals from 1956 to1968. During his tenure at Seminole High School, he served in the following capacities: Registrar and Assistant Principal. He also served as Adjunct Professor at Seminole Community College, Sanford; and as a member of accreditation teams for several Florida schools. He taught music for many years as owner-operator of Jo-Nott Music Studio.

His church, civic, fraternal and community affiliations include the following:

- ★ Ardent Member for approximately 60 years of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, where he is Music Director for the Gospel Chorus and the Male Chorus, a musician for the Mass Choir, Member of the Christian Education Committee; and Administrator of the Scholarship Fund.
- ★ Esteemed Loyal Knight, Celery City Lodge #542, IBPOE of W
- ★ State Director of Education, Florida State Association of Elks, IBPOE of W
- ★ Member, Phi Delta Kappa
- ★ Treasurer, City of Sanford Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee
- ★ Founder, Purple & White Scholarship Initiative, Celery City Lodge #542, IBPOE of W
- ★ Finance Chairman, Concerned Citizens Committee for the Good Samaritan Home
- ★ Past Director and Musician, Crooms Alumni Chorus
- ★ Founding Member, Community & Student Action Committee (Seminole High School)
- ★ Founding Member, Seminole Chapter-F.A.M.U. Alumni Association
- ★ Music Director of the Bicentennial Concert Choir
- ★ First Scribe for the Past Exalted Rulers Council #109 of the IBPOE of W
- ★ Member, Seminole Association of School Administrators
- ★ Past-President of the East-West Kiwanis

Mr. Minott is the recipient of numerous awards for his diligent support of education, church, and community projects. He has given monetary assistance and guidance to many students. He gave unselfishly, without strings or expectation for repayment. He says he gives, "just for the joy of seeing them succeed." Since his retirement, he continues his diligent support of church and community projects, especially his music and education work at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, as well as the Local, District, State and National Education Departments of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOE of W).

"Earl Minott has been compared to an oak tree with branches spreading widely
so that the new saplings may grow in his shade.
He has given shade to many youths in schools and communities..."
(Sallye Bentley)

Earl Everett Minott

Honors & Awards Include the Following

- ✓ Outstanding and Dedicated Services to the Students of Seminole County Schools, Crooms Classes of the 50's
- ✓ Distinguished Choral Director - Classroom Teachers Department of Seminole Education Association, 1968-69
- ✓ Certificate of Participation as Choral Director for Walt Disney Grande Opening Spectacular, 1971
- ✓ Appreciation for Meritorious Services - Crooms High School Classes of 1933 through 1950
- ✓ Distinguished Honor - Les Bon Amies Club, 1971
- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation - Seminole High School, 1974
- ✓ Award for Excellence in Education - Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, 1975
- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation, Westside Improvement Association, 1976
- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation - George H. Starke Appreciation Day Program Committee, 1977
- ✓ Faithful Church and Community Service Award - Friendship and Union Society, 1979
- ✓ Loyal and Devoted Services - Evergreen Temple #321, I.B.P.O.E of W., 1980
- ✓ Service Rendered to the Community - St. James AME Church, 1980
- ✓ Outstanding Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of East-West Sanford, 1981-82
- ✓ Devoted and Supportive Services - Celery City Lodge #542, IBPOE of W, 1981
- ✓ Outstanding Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of East-West Sanford, 1982-83.
- ✓ "VIP" Award - United Cerebral Palsy Telethons, 1982 and 1983
- ✓ Distinguished Service Award in Music to the Community - Friendship and Union Society, 1983
- ✓ Distinguished Service Award - Celery City Lodge #542, IBPOE of W, 1983
- ✓ Dedicated Services in Music - St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 1983
- ✓ Distinguished Service Recipient - Wilson Ensemble, 1983
- ✓ Distinguished Service Recipient - Seminole Community College Afro-American Society, 1983
- ✓ Distinguished Service Recipient - St. Paul Gospel Chorus, 1983
- ✓ Outstanding Services Rendered to the Community, Church and School Activities, NAACP, 1984
- ✓ Crowned "King of Elks" - Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, 1984 &1996
- ✓ Loyal and Devoted Services - St. Paul Gospel Chorus Anniversary Appreciation Program, 1987
- ✓ Outstanding Performance Award -Principal's Achievement Award; Seminole High School, 1993
- ✓ 40 Years Service Award - Seminole Association of School Administrators, 1993
- ✓ "Mr. Graduation" Award - Graduating Class of Seminole High School, 1993
- ✓ 53 Years of Faithful Service to St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Brotherhood Men of St. Paul, 1993
- ✓ Central Florida Gospel Music Lifetime Achievement Award - Central Florida Musicians Guild, 1994
- ✓ "Elk of the Year" - Celery City Lodge #542, 1995-1996
- ✓ Dedicated Service Award - Lake Mary High School, 1997
- ✓ Outstanding Contributions and Dedication - Martin Luther King, Jr., Steering Committee, 1998

LYRICAL EXPRESSIONS

"Everything you touch is a song"

"Did you ever know that you're my hero ,,,
I can fly higher than an eagle, with you as the wind beneath my wings."

"How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me ..."

"Unforgettable, that's what you are ..."

"He set my life to music...

"Climb ev'ry mountain ..."

"Great is thy faithfulness ..."

"What a difference you made in my life..."

QUIPS & QUOTES

"My first music teacher was Miss Gwendolyn Mathis; then I studied under Mrs. Susie Handy. Thereafter, I studied under Professor Crooms until I graduated from high school. I remember playing that "long" piano solo at graduation."
Earl Minott

"When the Gospel Chorus was formed at St. Paul by Mr. Bruton and Baby Bryant, the first rehearsals were held at Jo-Nott Music Studio"
Earl Minott

"Earl was well liked as a child; he was sure he wanted to be somebody and everyone did what they could to help him."
Mrs. Ruth Brown

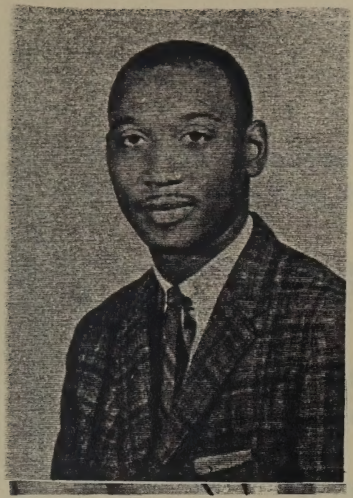
"I saw him a few hours after he was born. I also remember one day when he was nine months old, after his nap, my fiance', Bernard Barfield, and I took him to the park and he took his first steps. He walked up and down the park."
Mrs. Ruth Brown

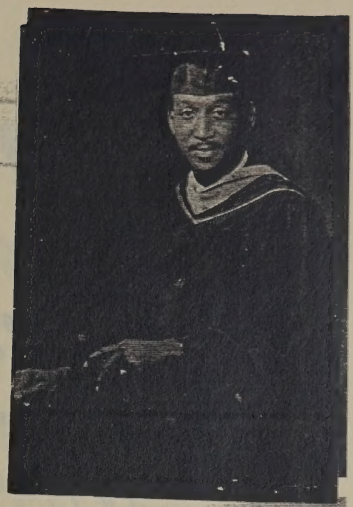
"I remember my brother, Herbert F. Mells, wrote or arranged a composition; Earl taught the piece to one of his Crooms choirs and included it in their concert. He invited our family to attend the concert."
Miss Annye Mells

"I remember when Earl was a small child Mrs. Ella Sims used to make something special for him (soup); she asked him not to tell the other children about it. When she knew anything, he had called all the children in the neighborhood to come over and share his special treat. She made him share his cup with everyone he invited."
Mrs. Ruth Brown/Miss Annye Mells

"I remember Earl and Aunt Jo would visit Philadelphia and as soon as they came into our church, Rev. Bentley would have Earl come immediately to the piano and play."
Altermese S. Bentley

A picture is worth a thousand words

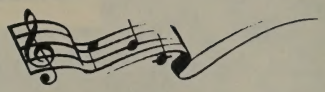




(Webster defines "Earl" as a nobleman ...)

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Words by James Weldon Johnson
Music by J. Rosamond Johnson

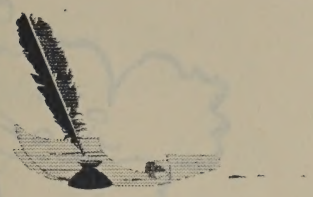


Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Til earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies.
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod.
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
Where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God
True to our native land.

Earl the Pearl



Will there be another as faithful as this jewel
that sits patiently at the instrument of peace?

His soft voice, stern but loving
That shy grin that lets the world know of his gentleness

Earl shared his gift with the world
We sat at his table of music, waiting for the meal of notes to be served

His prepared hands matched his prepared mind –
He guided us through the minefield of new tunes and old favorites

Earl valued those around him and that value made the rest of us filthy rich
His influence will bring smiles to the offspring of the unborn ...

Lightfoot

EARL

Was that you Earl that was seen caring for your Mom
Or holding late night rehearsals at the house of worship?

Was that you Earl lending an ear to a friend
Or raised funds for a college student in need?

Was that you Earl, that served as a Deacon in the church
Or told a friend to hold their chin up while others looked away?

Was that you Earl that whispered a prayer for a lost soul
Or kept that damaging secret you never told?

Was that you Earl that paved the way for the brothers and the sisters
to walk in the front door instead of the back door?

Was that you Earl that shouted Amen when the truth was spoken but
remained silent when the flesh came out of hiding?

Yes Earl, it was you and we love you, because of your ability to give, even
when the richest among us remain closed fisted.

Lightfoot

In Memory of

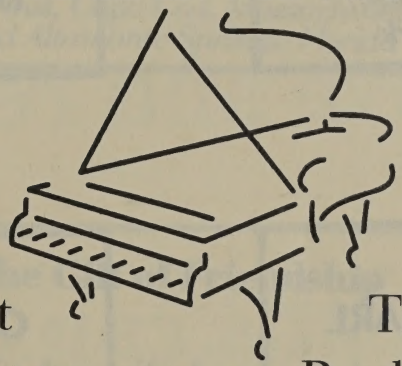
Mrs. Aramentha Armbrister
"Mentha"

&

Mrs. Joanna Moore
Aunt "Jo"

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord
and He shall sustain thee;
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."
Psalm 55:22

BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHOIR CONCERT AND CONGRATULATIONS TO EARL E. MINOTT



Carl L. Minott
Emma P. Minott

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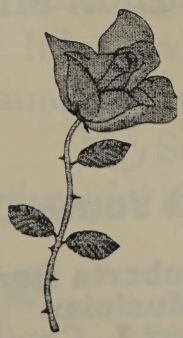
Prudence W. Minott

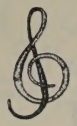
Frances J. Minott
(Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)



In Loving Memory
of
CURBY L. MINOTT, SR.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO

Earl Everett Minott

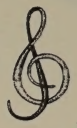


"Do all the good we can
By all the means we can
In all the ways we can
In all the places we can
To all the people we can
As long as we can
For what we are in the sight of God,
That, we truly are ..."

Olithia V. Primrose
Bronx, New York

SENDING BEST WISHES
AND LOVE
from across many miles

to Earl Everett Minott



We hope your honored
celebration is as outstanding
as you are.
Joy!

Mrs. Marsha Minott Wright
Bryan Minott, Jr. & Family
Morton, Pennsylvania

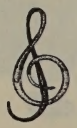
BEST WISHES EARL

Delight thyself in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalm 37:4

Rev. & Mrs. Tyrone Henderson
Columbia, Maryland

Congratulations
and
Best Wishes

to Mr. E. E. Minott



St. Paul Youth Choir

Mrs. Roberta Harper
Musician
Rev. Albert L. Covington
Pastor

In Honor of our God servant and wonderful friend,

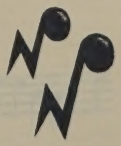
Mr. Earl Everett Minott

For your life's dedication
to excellence in music and education.
God is good all the time. And all the time - God is good.
God Bless You.

Wesley & Dee Wright
Hyannis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts
and Altamonte Springs, Florida

The Gift of Friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift that can't be bought or sold.
But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold.
For gold is cold and lifeless. It can neither see nor hear.
And in time of trouble, it is powerless to cheer.
It has no ears to listen, no heart to understand.
It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand.
So when you ask God for a gift,
Be thankful if He sends not diamonds, pearls or riches,
But the love of true friends.



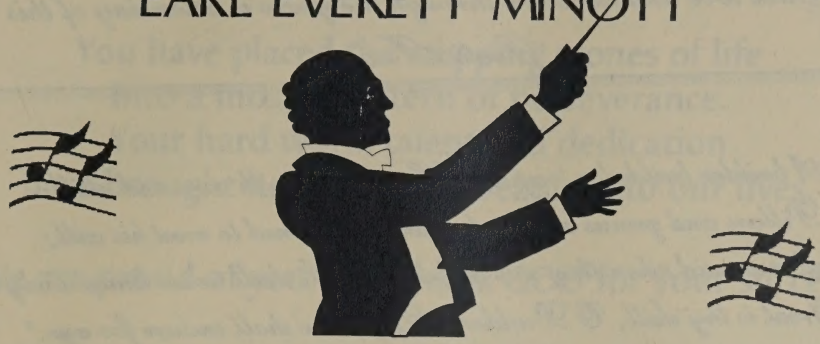
Lillie Clement
Ormond Beach, Florida

My Friend
Earl E. Minott
We have proven
that
the love and respect

of friends can equal
that of brothers.
Your Friend,
Willie J. White

Love to the Maestro

EARL EVERETT MINOTT



From Your Cousin Sonya Fox
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

BEST WISHES TO MY DEAR COUSIN
EARL E. MINOTT

JAMES GORDON BOUEY
Altamonte Springs, Florida

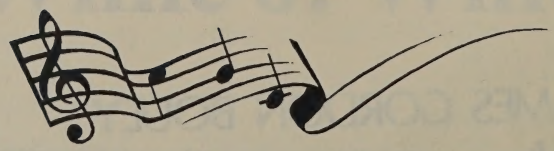
To My Brother & Friend
"Earl Everett Minott"
Whose love and devotion through the years is deserving of this "Poetic Tribute".

A builder builded a temple; He wrought with care and skill;-
Pillars and groins and arches were fashioned to meet his will;
And men said when they saw its beauty; It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O Builder, Thy fame shall endure for aye."

Earl Minott, builded a temple; He wrought with skill and care;-
Forming each pillar with patience, Laying each musical stone with prayer.
None saw the unceasing effort; None knew of the marvelous plan;
For the temple Mr. Minott builded was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple; - Crumbled into the dust,-
Pillar and groin and arches, Food for consuming rust;
But the temple Mr. Minott builded
Shall endure while the ages roll; - For that beautiful, unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

With much love,
Your Sister & Friend
Marva Y. Hawkins



EARL E. MINOTT

You have placed the stepping stones of life
into a mosaic pattern of perseverance.
Your hard work, talent and dedication
have brought harmony and beauty into our lives.

We are proud of you. We thank GOD for your success.

Love, from your cousins in Florida ...

Naomi Ford ... *Cocoa*
Ingrid Catlin ... *Cocoa*

Winifred Martin ... *Miami*
Denise Andrews ... *Miami*

Congratulations

Mr. Earl E. Minott

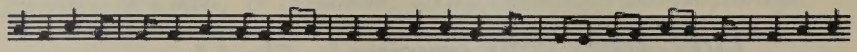
for your many contributions that enhanced the quality of life for
countless individuals through your teaching, music,
community service, church involvement, and friendship.

Dr. Clifford J. Hurston, Jr.
Daytona Beach, Florida

Greetings, Felicitations and Accolades on this very special occasion

to Mr. Earl Everett Minott

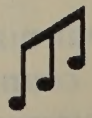
We applaud your commitment and zeal.



Sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Be careful what you do with the best you have.
Whenever you get a blessing from God,
give it back to Him as a love-gift.
Take time to meditate before God
and offer the blessing back to Him
in a deliberate act of worship.
God will never allow you to keep a spiritual blessing completely
for yourself.
It must be given back to Him
so that He can make it a blessing to others.

The Gospel Chorus



St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Sheralyn J. Polk, President
Rev. Albert L. Covington, Pastor

BEST WISHES
TO
MR. EARL EVERETT MINOTT

With Gratitude and Sincere Appreciation

Choir #1
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Sanford, Florida
Dorothy L. Brown, President
Rev. Albert L. Covington, Pastor

Mr. Minott

May the love that you've shown to us
continue to shine among us.

Best wishes today and always.

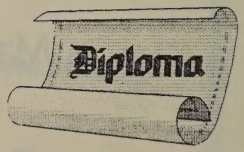
The Male Chorus
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Sanford, Florida
Lawrence Brown, President
Rev. Albert L. Covington, Pastor

Success is the result of action.
It does not come to you –
you have to go to it.

"So, then while we have the opportunity,
let us work that which is good toward all men ..."
Galations 6:10

Mr. Minott:
You have set an excellent example
of sharing with others.

Congratulations and best wishes!



The Christian Education Committee
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BEST WISHES
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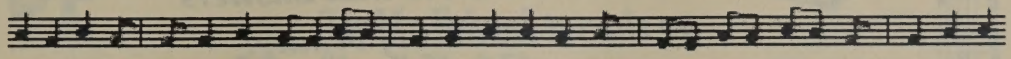
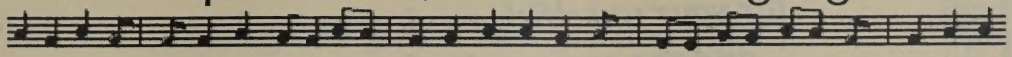


Friendship is a tune, it must be sung together



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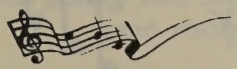

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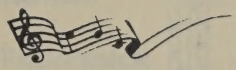


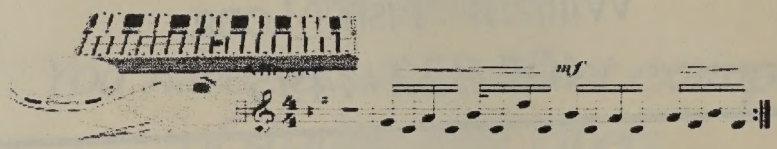
You have spent your life trying to help us as a people realize the American Dream. The Philadelphia Connection salutes you.

The Bakers

Sue *Sonsiere* *Bradley*

Carshena & Appollis Too

In every man's heart
there is a secret nerve that answers
to the vibrations of beauty.
We salute you
for your unselfish services to students
and the community for 40 +years.
You have always kept the tradition of striving for excellence
and pioneering the way for others.



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Special Laudations

To My Friend

Mr. Earl E. Minott

Among the great and glorious gifts
Our Heavenly Father sends
Is the gift of understanding
That we find in loving f riends.

You Have Truly Been My Friend

Mrs. Juanita G. Harold

Years and years of happiness only make us realize
how lucky we are to have friends that have shared
and made that happiness a reality.
--Robert E. Frederick

Love
Katie Burke and all
six of the Mobleys

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

TO

MR. E. E. MINOTT

"Life affords us many opportunities for service. There are those who would do great things, but because they wait for greater opportunities, life passes them by
and their opportunities to show love and kindness pass them by.
But not so with our honoree – Mr. Minott,
who has given so much of his time and talent
to support and encourage so many.

Best wishes Mr. Minott on this special day!

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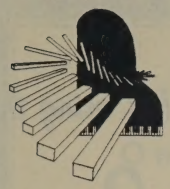
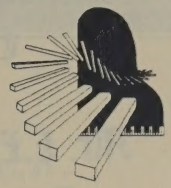


Earl E. Minott



The "King of Musicians"

We salute our "king"
who is servant of "the king,"
JESUS
God's continued blessings upon you.
Thanks for laying the foundation.
Sanford/Central Florida
Interdenominational Musicians' Guild, Inc.

CHARLES D. JACKSON, President
MARY L. DEBOSE, Vice President
JUSTUS L. FRAIZER, Executive Director
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MR. E.E. MINOTT

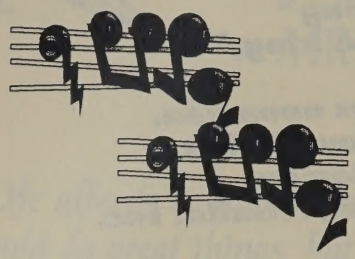
BEST WISHES TODAY AND ALWAYS

"All the saints salute you"
(II Corinthians 13:13)

THE MOBLEYS & JENNINGS

Congratulations
TO

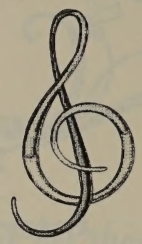
Mr. E.E. Minott



Oliver Harold
Olivia B. Ayres
Oliver, Daryl, Sam

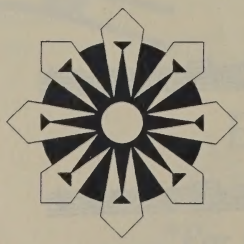
Mr. Earl Everett Minott

Thank you for being there ...



Love from your Godchildren
John Knight
Geraldine D. Wright
Patrick Sullivan

A Hearty Salute
to
Mr. E.E. Minott



Crooms Academy
Class of 1960

Congratulations
Mr. Minott
on your well-deserved
honor.

Cast thy bread upon the waters;
for thou shalt find it
after many days.
Ecclesiastes 11:1

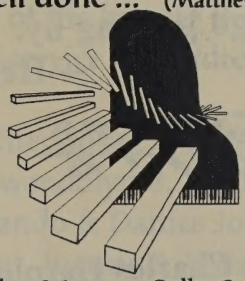
Dorothea Fogle

Praise the Lord at all times; Let His praise
continually be in your mouth.
O magnify the Lord and exalt His name. *(Psalm 34:1, 3)*

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to
Mr. Earl Everett Minott
on this auspicious occasion.

May the Great Architect of the Universe
continue to smile upon you and your dreams.

We have no right to decide where we should be placed,
or to have preconceived ideas
as to what God is preparing us to do.
God engineers everything; and wherever He places us,
our one supreme goal should be
to pour out our lives in wholehearted devotion to Him
in that particular work.
"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might ..."
(Ecclesiastes 9:10)
Knowing that you have done what Jesus sent you to do,
think how satisfying it will be to hear Him say to you,
"well done ..." (Matthew 25:21)



Sheralyn & Lorenzo Polk - Sanford, FL
Kimberly Dionne Brinson - Birmingham, Alabama
Jacob, Shannon Korey and Candice Brinson - Rochester, NY

Love and Best Wishes

To My Friend

Mr. Earl Minott

The Golden Chain of Friendship

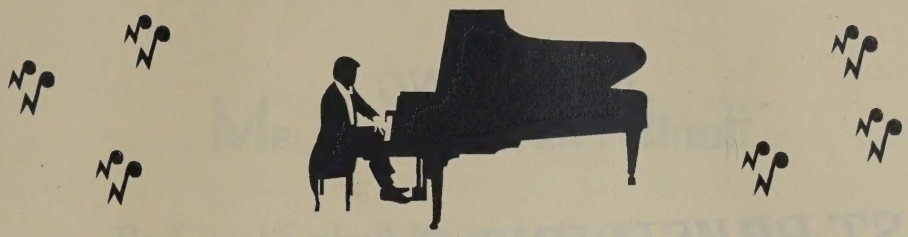
Friendship is a golden chain,
The links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year...
It's clasped together firmly
With a love that's deep and true,
And it's rich with happy memories
And fond recollections, too...
Time can't destroy its beauty
For, as long as memory lives,
Years can't erase the pleasure
That the joy of friendship gives...
And the golden chain of friendship
Is a strong and blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by.

---Helen Steiner Rice

Dr. Lou Charles Harold
Orlando, Florida

TO DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

Life is like a piano ...
what you get out of it, depends on how you play it.
(Anonymous)



To a great teacher, brother and friend
Best wishes for a great day that is so well deserved.

Thomas Wilson, III
Phoenix, Arizona

Where there is greatness, it shows itself.
(African (Bemba) Proverb)

Enjoy your day.
You have earned all of the honors that are being given you
through your years of service to children, community and God.

Theodore L. Johnson
Gwendolyn B. Johnson
Jawando & Danice Johnson
Ryann, Justine & Jawando, II
Angela & Erin
Flagstaff, Arizona

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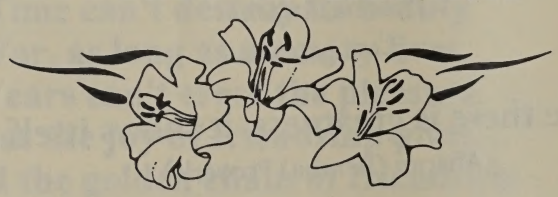
PAST PRESIDENT EARL MINOTT

*SUCCESS ON **HIS** DAY*



"FAMU, FAMU, FAMU, I LOVE YOU!!

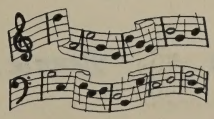
"The Rattlers will strike and strike again!"

Gina M. Joseph, President

In Appreciation For Your Dedicated Services

Mr. Earl Everett Minott

The City of Sanford's Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee commends you for the outstanding support you have continued to dedicate towards our community. We commend you for a life's dedication to the pursuit of excellence in music and education. You have impacted the lives of our Youth in many positive ways. It is our hope that you will continue to improve the lives of others as you have, and continue to be an inspiration to the future leaders of tomorrow.



With Kindest Regards
The City of Sanford Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering
Committee Members
Bernard Mitchell, Chairman

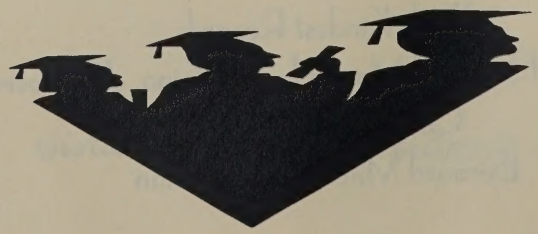
Congratulations

Are Extended To

Mr. Earl E. Minott

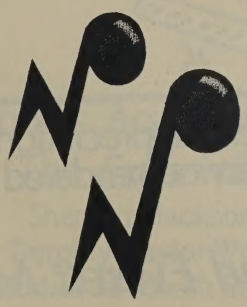
From
The Classes of the 50's.

Richard L. Evans, Chairman Bennie Alexander, Treasurer



BEST WISHES
TO
MR. EARL EVERETT MINOTT

Every kind, thoughtful, affectionate act,
every unselfish thought for others is dear to God.
"God is love; he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God,
and God in Him.
"Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him;
talk ye of all His wondrous works. For truly God is good.



Crooms Academy/Crooms High School
The Class of 1961

Sandra M. Gaines, Reunion Chairperson

BEST WISHES
TO
MR. EARL EVERETT MINOTT

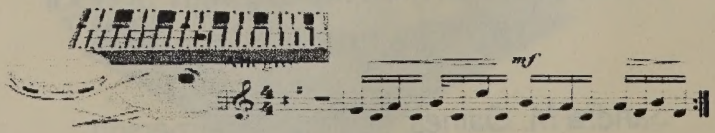
If you have anything really valuable to contribute to the world,
it will come through the expression of your own personality,
that single spark of divinity that sets you off
and makes you different from every other living creature.

Crooms Academy/Crooms High School
The Class of 1962
Harry L. Harvey, Class President
Juanita Adams Golden, Reunion Chairperson

We express our sincere appreciation
for the many years of service rendered by

The Maestro, Mr. Earl Everett Minott

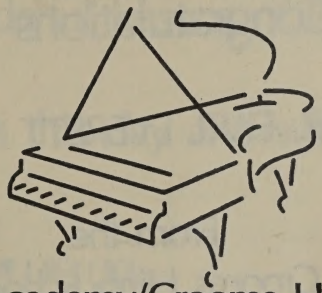
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!



The Sparking 69'ers
Crooms High School

Remembering our past and imagining our future!!!
Reminiscing the good old days – those "panther" days.
Thanks and appreciation to you
for all your years of dedicated service.

FELICITATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO MR. E. E. MINOTT

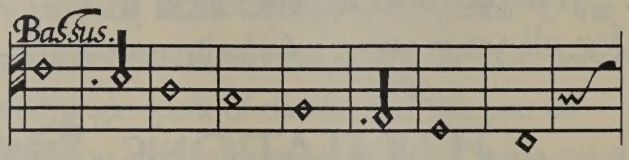


Crooms Academy/Crooms High School
The *Extraordinary* Class of 1963

Sheralyn Jackson Polk, Reunion President
Dorothy Taylor Webster, First Vice President
Gloria Jean Smith Rollins, Second Vice President
Emmaline Geter Brown, Third Vice President
Hilda Bass McNeil, Executive Assistant
Mary Emma Stringer Harkness, Chaplain
Freddie L. Barrington, Chief Financial Officer
Ora Lee Harrison Alexander, Marketing Manager
Thomas Wilson, III, Special Events Manager
Rev. Rufus Boykin, Jr.
Rev. Terry McKinney

1999 Reunion Dates: December 23-26, 1999
Please plan to join us as once again we enter the *"realm of the extraordinary"*
Stay tuned for further details ....

"Without music, life is a journey through a desert."



Because of you, we survived a drought!

Congratulations !!!

TO MR. EARL EVERETT MINOTT

From the
Crooms High School
Class of '64

Class motto: "The future is now ... time for decision"

Sammie Harkness, Reunion Chairperson
Joyce E. Davis, Co-Chairperson
Jean Feacher-Jones, Ed.D, Co-Chairperson
Eva M. Scott, Secretary
Betty Black Dorman, Assistant Secretary
Janice Davis Boston, Treasurer
Alva Bagley Barfield, Assistant Treasurer
Jacqueline Harrington Walton, Chaplain
Claudia Coleman Holloway, Historian
Madelyn White Boston, Assistant Historian

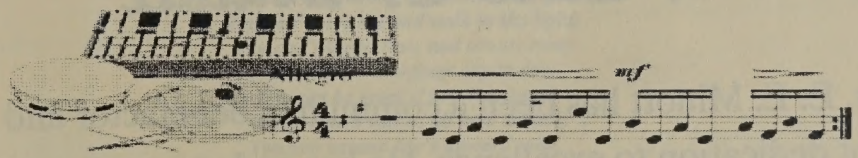
TO MR. EARL EVERETT MINOTT

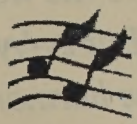
Congratulations!

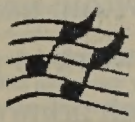
You're someone special – a legendary gentleman!
Thank you for all the years of dedicated service.

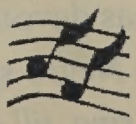
We remember our days at Crooms
and all the wonderful lessons of life you taught us.

We salute you on this day and wish you Godspeed.

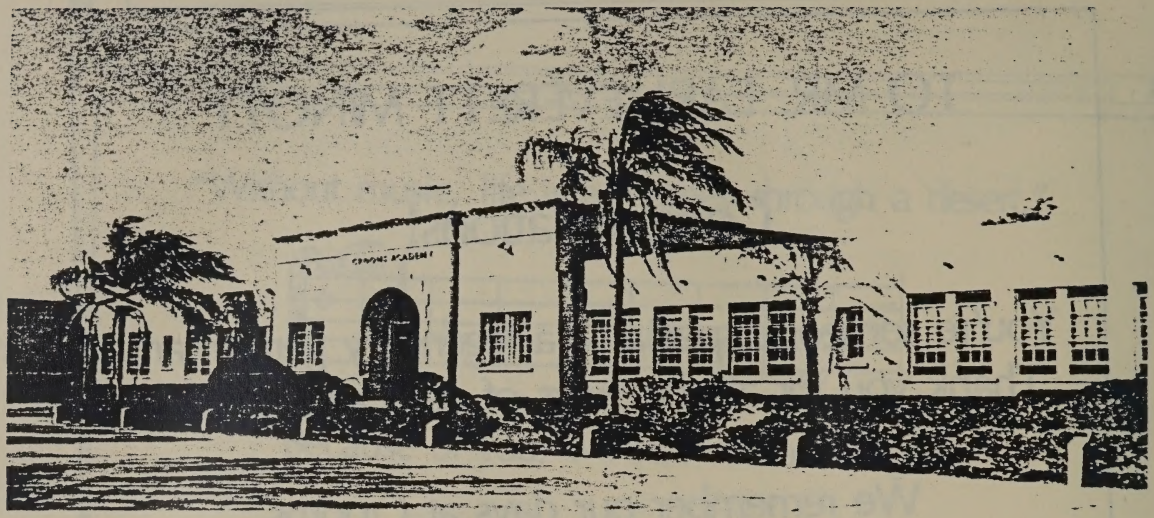








Crooms Class of 1965



The Crooms High School (Academy) Class of 1966

Salutes

Mr. Earl E. Minott

Mr. E. E. Minott has been a community benefactor and a model of dedication to excellence. He has endeavoured to teach many generations the value of seeking the best from the world around us by giving the best within us.

He has devoted his life's work to giving reality to the words of the old Negro spiritual which admonishes us to "*Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.*"

BEST WISHES
MR.
EARL
MINOTT

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

When teachers collaborate on behalf of children they create windows of light for the generation that follow.

CROOMS ACADEMY - CLASS OF 1967

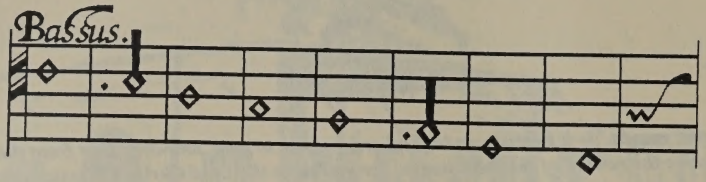
"The Good Old Days Together"

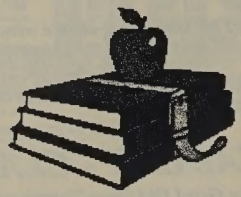
Watch Your Cant's and Can's

If you would have some worthwhile plans
You've got to watch your cant's and can's;
You can't aim low and the right high;
You can't succeed if you don't try;
You can't go wrong and come out right;
You can't love sin and walk in the light;
You can't throw time and means away
And love sublime from day to day.
You can be great if you'll be good
And do God's will as all men should;
You can ascend life's upward road,

Although you bear a heavy load;
You can be honest, truthful, clean,
By turning from the low and mean;
You can uplift the souls of men
By words and deeds, or by your pen.
So watch your can't and watch your can's
And watch your walks and watch your stands,
And watch the way you talk and act,
And do not take the false for fact;
And watch the things that mar or make;
For life is great to every man
Who lives to do the best he can.

SINCERE APPRECIATION
TO
MR. E.E. MINOTT





CROOMS ACADEMY
CLASS OF 1968

LIVE AND LEARN
AND PASS IT ON

I'VE LEARNED THAT LIF IS LIKE A SCOOTER CAR; NOT MUCH HAPPENS UNLESS YOU DO SOME PEDDLING.

I'VE LEARNED THAT YOU CAN GET BY ON CHARM FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES. AFTER THAT, YOU'D BETTER KNOW SOMETHING.

I'VE LEARNED THAT YOU SHOULDN'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO THE BEST OTHERS CAN DO, BUT TO THE BEST YOU CAN DO.

I'VE LEARNED THAT THOSE WHO BRING SUNSHINE TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS CANNOT KEEP IT FROM THEMSELVES.

In Appreciation For Your Outstanding Services

Mr. Earl Everett Minott

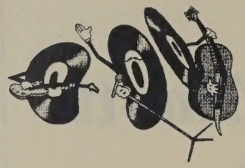
In recognition of your outstanding services for music education, and your commitment to the community. It is a pleasure to support and honor you during this special occasion.

Junior Class of 1970
Crooms High School

Mr. Minott

Thank you for everything.
Your guidance,
knowledge and patience
have contributed
to my success.

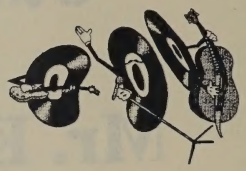
To God be the glory.



Love,
Cynthia Cassanova Brown

Dear Mr. Minott

I know that I worried you a
lot. But my respect for you
has never stopped. You will
always have a special place
in my heart.

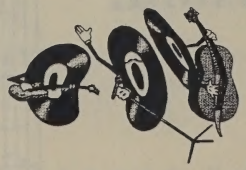


Your favorite student,
Bettye Black Dorman

E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

Mr. Minott

May God ever be with you,
for there's none like you!

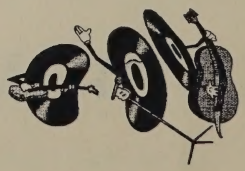


Love always,
Mary Stringer Harkness
Crooms Extraordinary Class
of 1963

Mr. Minott

I have fond remembrances
of those wonderful days
at Crooms.

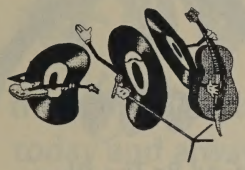
May God ever bless you
in your good works.



Love forever,
Jeanette Stringer Baker

Mr. Minott

Thank you for your inspiration and for all the wonderful advice you have given me.
It will be with me forever.



Always,
Vernon "Papa" Jones

Congratulations
Mr. Minott
You have that honor and grace.

Laura B. Graham Williams

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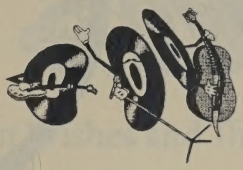
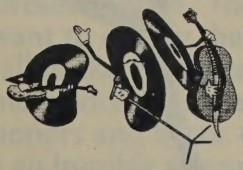


You are truly appreciated.
Arundel Stephens

E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

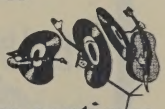
Congratulations
Mr. E.E. Minott

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
Proverbs 3:27



Rev. A.G. DeLattibeaudiere &
Sister J.L. DeLattibeaudiere

Mr. Minott



May God's blessings continue to be with you. Thank you for the best of times at Crooms. I learned to read notes and appreciate the joy of singing in the chorus and especially going out of town to the music festivals. God knows that was the only time I left Sanford (smile).
GOD BLESS YOU!!!
Ruth Hardy-Walker
Class of 1966

Best Wishes
And Love

Barbara B. Deese

Errol Cherry

I appreciate all you
have done for me.

To God Be The Glory

Mary Liggons DeBose

We appreciate you
Lois C. Morgan Kelly

E.E. Minott Inspirational
Choir

With love and best wishes,
Patricia Merritt Whatley

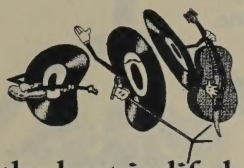
God bless you always.

Wishing the very best
For you
Faye Oliver Henderson

With sincere thanks,
Julius Francis

Mr. Minott

Thank you for all you have done for me.
Your loving acts of kindness mean more to us each day.

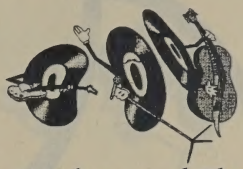


May the best in life be yours today and always.

Geraldine Davidson Wright

Mr. Minott

Those who educate children well are more to be honored than parents, for parents only give life, educators give the art of living well.

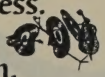


Best Wishes and Thanks

Barbara Givens Parker
"Jeannie"

E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

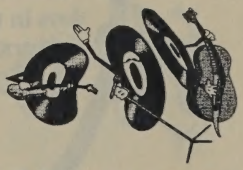
Mr. Minott
You are an extremely professional man whom I have always admired and highly respected. I held you in such awe until I failed to develop a closer friendship; but the meaningful and inspirational encounters we shared produced lasting impacts on my life that I will forever cherish. Tonight, I just want to openly thank you for all of the guidance and sound advice. You deserve these honors and more. You are truly an humble servant of a gentle giant. God bless.



Charles D. Jackson,
Seminole High Class of 1977.

Mr. Minott

A man's true wealth
is the good he does
in this world.
May the Lord direct your
heart, mind and music ...



Hilda Bass McNeil
Crooms
Extraordinary Class of '63

Roberta Harper
Congratulations
And Best Wishes

John Knight

I appreciate all you
have done for me.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Joella Butler Singleton

With sincere thanks ...
Deloris Myles

E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

God bless you always
Lowman J. Oliver, III

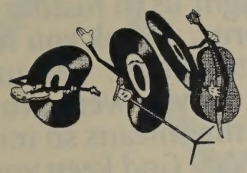
With love and best wishes
Eloise Prather Burney

I'll always remember my
days in the choir at Crooms
Marshall Holloway

With sincere
appreciation
Benita Tillman Brown

Mr. Minott

As your Elk Sister,
it has been a blessing
to join your loving family
and receive your teachings.



Love ya,
Patsy Polk Harding

Mr. Minott

I truly appreciate
all you have given to me.

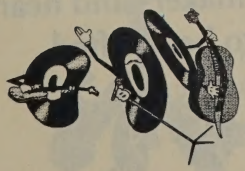
God bless you always.

Algerine Miller

E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

Mr. Minott

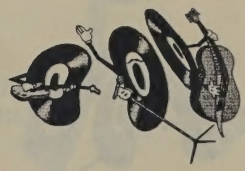
Thank you
for the road map
to
music
and
life.



John Howard Liggons

Mr. Minott

Nothing great was ever
achieved without
enthusiasm.
May the Lord bless you
richly is our prayer.



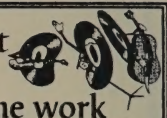
With sincere appreciation
Martha DeBose McKinney
Crooms Class of '65

Mr. Minott

Thank you
for your inspiration
through the years.
May God bless you always!

We love you
Wynell Ferrell Washington
Crooms Class of 1961

Mr. Minott



You really made me work hard; you gave so much history homework that we would have to do a little each day in order to complete it by Christmas vacation. The older I became, the more I understood the discipline you taught us in history and chorus. Thank you for all your teachings. Recently you told me you were proud of me; that means so much.
May God keep you
in his grace.

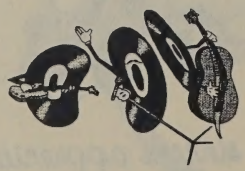
Linda Whitehead Medlock
Seminole High Class of '73

E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir

Mr. Minott

I will always remember
1966-70
"The Good Old Days"

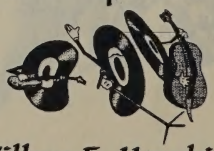
being a member of your
chorus.



Sharon Jenkins Stevens

Thank you Mr. Minott

The sound of music
that you helped to create
has reverberated
through the world.
It has caused
the hearts and souls
of the makers and hearers
to be uplifted.



Wilbur E. Hawkins
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Greetings
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Best Wishes
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I appreciate all you
have done for me.

Wishing you the very best
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We appreciate you
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E.E. Minott Inspirational
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With love and best wishes,
Marva Y. Hawkins

God bless you always.
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Lorenzo Polk

With sincere thanks,
Gerald Cassanova

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

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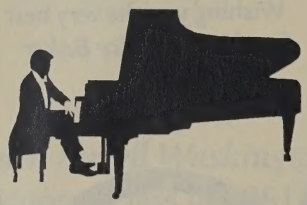

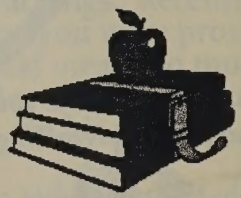

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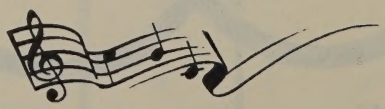

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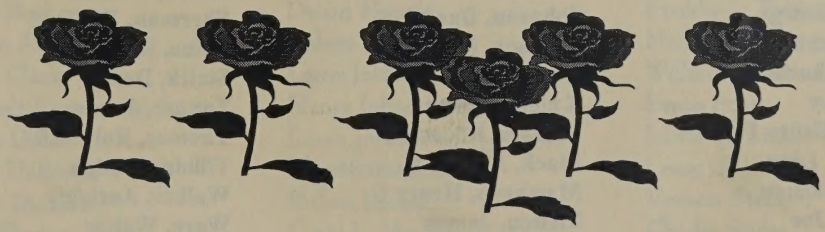

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A Very Special Salute

To our Member
Earl E. Minott

Believe in everything you do
When the Lord is guiding you;
He'll lead you with a righteous hand
To your goals, minute or grand.

Each step along life's rocky road
Can lead to blessings yet untold,
Just place yourself within His care
And without fail, you'll find Him there.

Shed doubts and fears along the way,
Trust His love will never stray,
And by the time your goals are reached
You'll have found joy and inner peace.

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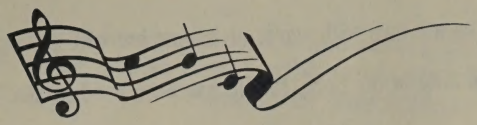


ABOUT THE CHOIR

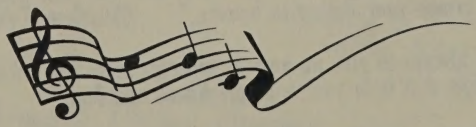
The E.E. Minott Inspirational Choir is comprised of Mr. Minott's former students from Crooms and Seminole High School, as well as members of his church choirs, community choirs, and friends. The choir is under the direction of Minister Vernon "Papa" Jones.

MINISTER VERNON "PAPA" JONES

Minister Vernon I. Jones is the recipient of three (3) Gospel Academy Awards presented at the Apollo Theater in New York City. Jones has performed around the country in numerous concerts with gospel recording artists including the late Reverend James Cleveland, Shirley Caesar, Edwin and Walter Hawkins and many more. He has been featured with renowned jazz artists including the Glenn Miller Band, Lionel Hampton, Buddy Rich, Cab Calloway and the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

In 1972, Minister Jones received the Certificate of Outstanding Achievements by the World Musical Association. Minister Jones recorded his first major gospel, *"All I Need Is a Touch"* in 1985. His second album came in 1988, entitled *"He'll Take Away the Pain"* on the World of Gospel recording label. To add to these accomplishments, he is a member of the New Haven Arts Council, the Connecticut Commission of the Arts, the New England Foundation for the Arts and the Steering Committee for *"The Dream Lives On"* ... a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

After the death of his mother in 1990 and many years of ministering the gospel in song throughout the New England area, Minister Jones returned to Sanford in 1991 to take care of his grandmother. In 1994, he recorded, *"It's Going to be Alright"* with the Sanford Community Workshop Choir. In April 1997, Minister Vernon "Papa" Jones & Friends recorded a new album in Daytona Beach, Florida. Realizing there was a greater work to be done, Minister Jones answer the call to preach in July 1997 and was ordained in October 1997. Minister Jones is presently the Minister of Music for New Life Ministries in Daytona Beach, Florida, where the Rev. Victor E. Gooden is the founder and Pastor.



MEDITATIVE MOMENTS

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." *(1 John 3:18)*

"I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me." *(Psalm 13:6)*

"Do not exasperate your children;
instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." *(Philippians 6:4)*

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do." *(Ephesians 2:10)*

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." *(Proverbs 9:10)*

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,
especially unto them who are of the household of faith." *(Galations 6:10)*

"Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge ...
and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love." *(2 Peter 1:5,7)*

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee ... Meditate upon these things;
give thyself wholly to them; that they profiting may appear to all." *(1 Timothy 4:14)*

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." *(Joshua 1:9)*

"Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,
always giving thanks to God the Father for everything." *(Ephesians 5:19, 20)*

"He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.
Then you will understand what is right and just and fair – every good path." *(Proverbs 2:8,9)*

"Encourage one another daily." *(Hebrews 3:13)*

"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you,
He will quiet you with His love. He will rejoice over you with singing." *(Zephaniah 3:17)*

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man,
and he will increase in learning." *(Proverbs 9:9)*

"Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
(Hebrews 13:16)

"Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. *(1 Corinthians 15:58)*

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds
and praise your Father in heaven." *(Matthew 5:16)*

"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." *(1 Peter 3:15)*

"O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful,
and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer." *(Psalm 31:23)*

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